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### UNITED WAY OF WHATCOM COUNTY WELCOMES TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Bellingham, WA- In a unanimous vote from the United Way of Whatcom County Board of Directors at a recent meeting, Troy Nutter and Stacey Zierath will be the newest members joining the Board.

Troy Nutter is the Manager of Operational Training at Puget Sound Energy and brings his background in educational delivery and occupational competency development. Troy is based in Bellingham, but manages the training programs for the entire region. He has served on numerous boards and commissions, particularly in the areas of workforce development. A long time United Way supporter, Troy is looking forward to supporting the organization at a governance and strategic level.

Stacey Zierath is the VP Operations NW Network for PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Group and is new to Whatcom County after relocating from Pierce County. Stacey is responsible for operations in all non-hospital clinics and practices in the NW portion of the multi-state healthcare system. She is a long term United Way supporter, and this will be her first Board experience in Whatcom County. Stacey is most interested in United Way's grant making processes and community projects. Her particular areas of interest are in issues of substance abuse, behavioral health, homeless support, and efforts to reduce incarceration and recidivism.

"We are so excited to welcome Troy and Stacey to our group. United Way of Whatcom County has changed a lot over the years, narrowing in our focus, and moving the needle on crucial community issues. Troy and Stacey will be able to add their valuable expertise to help us continue our work to achieve our goals in Education, Income, and Health," said Peggy Onustack, Board Chair of the United Way of Whatcom County Board of Directors and VP/District Manager at US Bank.

### About United Way of Whatcom County

United Way of Whatcom County's mission is to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of our communities to advance the common good through Education, Income, and Health. They provide leadership that galvanizes and connects a diverse set of individuals and institutions, and mobilize human and financial resources, to create long-term social change by advancing Education, Income, and Health for all. United Way of Whatcom County's goals for the community involve: helping children/youth achieve their potential through academic success, ensuring individuals/families achieve financial stability and economic independence, and building individuals who are healthy and avoid risky behaviors. To learn more about United Way of Whatcom County visit [www.unitedwaywhatcom.org](http://www.unitedwaywhatcom.org) or check out their Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/UnitedWayWhatcom>